

*"To Preserve The Flame"*  
**SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH**

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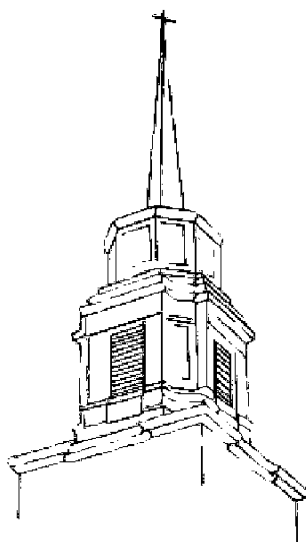
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

**Music Ministry**

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**Rectory Office Hours:**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Lord's Day Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 & 7:15 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10:15 am,  
12:15 pm & 7:15 pm

**Weekdays**

Monday-Friday 6:15 pm

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

2 Kgs 4:42-44

Eph 4:1-6

Jn 6:1-15

Worship Hymnal #1158

**Parish Website**

www.stjohnsworcester.org  
www.stjohnsfoodforthe poor.org

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Mon.-Thurs.. 6:45 pm  
Saturday- 3 pm

**Holy Days**

Vigil 6:15 p.m.  
Holy Day 12:15, 6:15 p.m.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Please contact the parish office at  
least one year prior to planned date  
of marriage

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please contact Deacon Paul for  
an appointment

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Please contact the parish office for  
a priest

**Monthly Mass for Healing  
Followed by the Celebration  
Of the**

**Sacrament of the Sick**  
4th Tuesday of the month  
6:15 pm

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 28, 2018

4:15 PM **Stephen Lane**, req. by Family; **Juencio Lorente**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Sunday, July 29, 2018

8:00 AM **Pauline Fresolo**, req. by VAAH Friends

10:15 AM **Bill Palmer (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by the Walivaika Family

12:15 PM **Nora and Frank Foley**, req. by Family; **Milton Pepin**, req. by Arlene Abraham

7:15 PM **Mary Ann Larkin**, req. by Dave Young

Monday, July 30, 2018

6:15 PM **In Honor of St. Francis**, req. by a Friend; **Bettyann Veroneau**, req. by Family

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

6:15 PM **Michael Urban and Andrew Marble**, req. by Family

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

6:15 PM **Gerald S. Cournoyer, Jr. (Month's Mind)**, req. by Jerry and Mary Beddes

Thursday, August 2, 2018

6:15 PM **Stella "Babchi" Hoey (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, August 3, 2018

6:15 PM **John J. and Claire K. Healy**, req. by Daughter

Saturday, August 4, 2018

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**; **Nat Losapio**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 5, 2018

8:00 AM **Patrick Johnson**, req. by Family; **Pauline Fresolo**, req. by VAAH Friends

10:15 AM **Josephine Zalieckas**, req. by Family; **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Aldona Kibelkstis

12:15 PM **Doris (Dee) West**, req. by Friend Lucia

7:15 PM **Marie Young**, req. by Family

The Rosary is prayed each weekday **beginning with the Angelus at 5:50 p.m.**

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today's Gospel reading is John's account of the miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes. (John 6:1-15) It is also the first of five consecutive Sunday Gospel passages which will take us through the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John's Gospel – the "Bread of Life" chapter.

As you know, John's account of the Last Supper does not include the Institution of the Eucharist. Rather, it includes Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. A few years ago, in his Holy Thursday homily, Msgr. Tinsley pointed out – as insightfully as always – that John's Gospel does not include the words of institution themselves but, in the washing of the feet, we are presented with the consequence of those words.

This is why, I am sure, that this is one of the few miracles or events that is recounted by all four Gospel writers. It was clearly important to the first Christian communities both because of the assurance of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist and what that real presence means for an authentic witness of Christian discipleship. The importance of this miracle has certainly continued throughout the centuries. When I was concluding my sabbatical with the New York Catholic Worker community (not yet aware of what a blessing I was given in being assigned to St. John's!) the members gave me a beautiful and treasured gift. It is a calligraphed quote from Dorothy – which still hangs in my office:

*What we do is very little, but it is like the little boy with a few loaves and fishes. Christ took that little and increased it.*

*He will do the rest.*

*What we do is so little we may seem to be constantly failing. But so did He fail. He met with apparent failure on the Cross.*

*But unless the seed fall into the earth and die, there is no harvest.*

*And why must we see results? Our work is to sow. Another generation will be reaping the harvest.*

Dorothy – who did not want to be called a Saint – knew how little she did. Yet – because she is a Saint – did not allow that truth to discourage her. Like her, we need to humbly recognize how little that we do in the face of the world's problems and divisions. And, like her, we cannot allow that truth to dissuade us from the responsibility of Christian discipleship. It is true that we don't have enough. But God does. If we share what little we have, *He will do the rest.*

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Deus in loco sancto suo, Ps. 68 (67): 6, 7, 36

Op.: # 572 I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
Ps. 145, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs."

Alleluia: # 208

Offertory: # 631 Father, We Thank Thee, Who Have Planted

Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 218, 311

Comm.: Honora Dominum, Prov. 3:9, 10

#705 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Cl.: # 805 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

**CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB**, will not meet in July and August. The next meeting will be Monday, September 24, 7 PM in the Rectory. The selection for September is "The Life You Save May Be Your Own: An American Pilgrimage" by Paul Elie.

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** will not meet during the Summer months. Meetings will resume in September.

**BIBLE STUDY** will not meet during the summer months. We will resume our meetings on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 PM in the rectory.

**JOHN MCDERMOTT CHRISTMAS CONCERT-** You won't want to miss John McDermott and friends joyous Christmas Concert at St. John's Upper Church on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM to benefit St. John's Food for the Poor. Tickets are \$20 a piece and Seating is limited! A great Christmas gift for family and friends! **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW.** Call Frank Carroll, 800-343-0939, ext. 0110.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC** will be held on Sunday, August 12 at 1 PM at Lake Park in Worcester (Coburn Ave. entrance). All are welcome to attend, there is no cost. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon and soft drinks. Come enjoy the food, socialize with fellow parishioners, have fun and play some games. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the back of the church, we need a head count for food purchases by August 5. Anyone willing to bring a dessert to share, it would be welcomed.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**-Registration and schedule for the 2018-2019 school year is available on the website. We have added a few dates, so please make sure to download the schedule. Also we need a 7th-8th grade teacher and a 9th grade teacher. If you are willing, contact Dianne at 508-579-6099, or dhgustowski@gmail.com.

**A TASTE OF THE DIACONATE** is a cookbook celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Diaconate Program in the Worcester Diocese. It is a collection of 143 recipes by the Deacons, candidates and their families. Cost of the book is \$10.00 which will support the Diaconate program. Books will be available at all Masses or by contacting Deacon Paul.

**ST. JOHN'S PARISHIONER, KEVIN DOWD**, has just published his first book called "Teaching Kids to Respect Others: Reflections, Activities, and Prayers on Bullying and Prejudice." It can be purchased from Kevin (\$8.00), from Twenty-third Publications online (link below for \$8.95), and at Amazon for \$9.95. Kevin is a Ph.D. candidate in Theology and Education at Boston College. He teaches theology at Anna Maria and speaks around the country for Pflaum publishing located at Assumption College. The link to purchase online is [www.twentythirdpublications.com/tekitoreotne.html](http://www.twentythirdpublications.com/tekitoreotne.html)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**- The Social Activities Committee will be holding the following events (reminder to get your tickets early )

**September 22**- Musical Dinner Show (Sarah the Fiddler)

**October**- Apple Festival (Date, TBA)

**November 3**- Mystery Dinner Show

**November 14**- John McDermott Concert

**December**-Bus trip to Lasalette to see Christmas Lights, Date TBA.

**DISMAS HOUSE FUNDRAISER-** St. John's parishioner, Elsie Uffelmann, and her friends Mary-Jean MacDonald and husband, Alan, are running a triathlon (.9 mi swim; 24-mile bike; 6.2 mile run) to raise funds for Dismas House in honor of its 30th Anniversary in the Worcester area. The mission of Dismas House, Fr. John Brooks House, and Dismas Family Farm in Worcester and Oakham, respectively, is "to reconcile former prisoners to society and society to former prisoners through the development of a supportive community comprised of students and former prisoners who live together in a family setting." Containers marked Dismas House will be available at the church entrances during all the Masses, if you would like to make a donation. For more information, please see [www.dismasisfamily.org](http://www.dismasisfamily.org) or contact Elsie at 508-612-1869.

### In Our Catholic Community...

**A MASS FOR HEALING** will be held Tuesday, August 28 at 6:15 PM. After the Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. Anyone seeking the healing touch of God's love and mercy is welcome.

**CHANCERY SUMMER HOURS**- The Chancery Offices will be open from 8 AM to 5:30 PM from Monday - Thursday and closed on Fridays from June 22 through August 24 inclusive. Thank you for your understanding. Our summer schedule provides good cost savings and efficient operation during the summer given the number of employees with scheduled vacations.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #88** will be running their annual trip to Saratoga Race Track on Saturday, August 11. The cost of the trip is \$60 per person. For more information please contact Paul White at 508-756-5129 or Frank Reed at 508-799-5189. All are welcome to attend.

**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PRAYER EXPERIENCE**- A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer. Starting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include reflection, direction and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester adjacent to Clark University. Information nights will be held at St. Rose of Lima in Northborough on August 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's in Jefferson on August 26<sup>th</sup> and St. Peter's in Worcester on August 28<sup>th</sup>, each at 6PM. Information and an application forms are available on the web site [www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-home](http://www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-home). You can contact the team by e-mail at [worcspex19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspex19@gmail.com) or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

### Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8316.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$55.00	Restoration- \$110.00
Candles- \$310.00	Stipends- \$420.00

**Total-** \$9211.16 **Unrestricted-** \$9101.16; **Restricted-** \$110.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$150 IMO Robert E. Connors, \$250 IMO Robert Withstandley, \$25 IHO Olga Kersis' 90th Birthday, \$50 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$400 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$20 IMO Roland Volungis, \$250 IMO Annette Pellegrino, \$100 IMO Jonathan Favreau, \$300 IMO Francis Leazes, Sr., \$100 IMO Robert & Dorothy McGinn, \$100 from the Mass Academy of Trial Attorneys, \$500 from the Phlebotomy Staff at Reliant Medical Group

**Expenses-** \$13,087.51

Schola (922.08) Administration (4928.47) Rectory Phone/Cable/Internet (590.69) Ascension Phone and Internet (142.29) Church Gas (4.55) Rectory Gas (70.43) Ascension Gas (19.00) Xaverian Brothers Collection (5719.00) Preserve the Flame (691.00)

**Food for the Poor-**  
Expenses- \$1712.34

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekend's second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

### Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Bettyann Veroneau, Tony Sparano, Elaine Eanuzzo, Robert Thayer, Robert Henry, Thomas Gentile and Nancy Sinatra, Sr who have been born into eternal life.

### Word of Life

"The parable of the rich man and his bountiful harvest is graphically clear and pointed. Once we pause to think about it, however, we realize that greed can take many subtle shapes... impulsively taking the biggest slice of fresh apple pie, the most comfortable chair in the family TV room, the end of the pew at church to ensure a fast get-away during the last song at Sunday Mass... greed remains one of the seven capital sins and takes many forms, some of them very down home and all too familiar. Jesus is very astute therefore in warning against 'all greed (v. 15),' for the physically impoverished can be very greed too!"

-- Bishop Richard J. Sklba